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## **VIA ECF**

The Honorable Gabriel W. Gorenstein United States District Court Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: New York City Policing During Summer 2020 Demonstrations

[Payne, et al. v. Mayor Bill de Blasio, et al., 20 Civ. 8924 (CM) Sierra, et al. v. City of New York, et al., 20 Civ. 10291 (CM)

Wood v. City of New York, et al., 20 Civ. 10541 (CM)

People of the State of New York v. City of New York, et al., 21 Civ. 322 (CM)

Sow, et al. v. City of New York, et al., 21 Civ. 533 (CM)]

## Dear Judge Gorenstein:

We represent the plaintiff in *People v. City of New York, et al.*, 21 Civ. 322. Pursuant to Chief Judge McMahon's order at the February 22, 2021 initial conference, we submit this letter on behalf of the parties in the above-referenced consolidated actions to propose interim discovery deadlines.

The parties have conferred regarding discovery. In addition to agreeing to serve discovery requests electronically and to confer later this week regarding e-discovery, we propose the below interim deadlines; the Court-ordered discovery deadlines are included in bold for reference.

March 18, 2021: Initial Disclosures Due

March 25, 2021: First Request for Documents and First Set of Interrogatories Due

April 8, 2021: Defendants to provide proposed date for completion of document

production

April 26, 2021: Objections and Responses due; Rolling production begins

July 1, 2021: Deadline to depose class plaintiffs

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September 1, 2021: Expert reports must be exchanged

September 10, 2021: Class Certification Motions Due

December 31, 2021: Deadline for all fact and expert discovery

The only matter upon which the parties could not agree was whether a deadline should be imposed for depositions. Plaintiffs maintain that a November 30 deadline to conclude depositions will aid the parties in resolving any disputes and completing discovery on time. Defendants believe that depositions should be allowed up until the end of discovery on December 31.

Counsel welcome a conference with Your Honor to discuss this proposal and we thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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